



The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce
The International Writing Program
For Young Writers at the University of Iowa
June 25 – July 9, 2016

Application Deadline: February 17, 2016

Purpose:

Between the Lines is a component of the International Writing Program (IWP) that brings young writers, aged 16-19, to the University of Iowa for creative writing study and cultural interaction.

Program:

During this program in the U.S., the selected participants will take part in creative writing workshops, seminars on literary topics, cultural visits, and local events.

Award:

The full cost of this exchange will be paid by the U.S. Department of State, including airfare and room and board.

Eligibility:

Talented young writers, between age 16-19 years, who show promise to become future literary figures in their respective countries and in their own native languages.

- Applicants must be proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing and speaking);
- Past experience in creative writing both in English and Arabic;
- Ready to develop and share new writing techniques.

***School essays and other non-fiction writing will not be accepted. All writing submission and application materials must be applicant's own, original work. Applications found to be plagiarized or copied will be disqualified.**

Required Application Documents:

- A writing sample of 6-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in Arabic.
- A writing sample of 6-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in English.
- A brief one-paragraph statement of purpose in English describing why writing is important to your life, and what you hope to learn at BTL.
- A writing sample of 2-5 pages of prose and/or poetry in either language in response to one of the following writing prompts:
 - During breakfast you are startled by a heavy knock at the door. It is someone who demands something from you. Who is it, what does he/she need, and what happens next? Write a short story or poem.
 - Write a short story or poem that contains three of the following objects and one place:
 - **Objects:** old bicycle, uncomfortable couch, leaking canoe, sleeping puppy, love note, truth serum.
 - **Places:** cruise ship, forest with a lake, empty street at dawn, deserted dance club.

**Please e-mail applications to
TunisExchanges@state.gov no later
than February 17, 2016**

For more information, please visit:
<http://iwp.uiowa.edu/programs/between-the-lines>
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